

SERBIAN ARMIES SEEM TO BE FIGHTING IN VAIN

ADVANCE OF BULGARIANS SOUTHWARD VERY RAPID

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OTHER PLACES MENACED

In Southwestern Serbia the Bulgars Are Compelled by Allies to Retreat.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—News from the Balkans continues to be a patch work of unconfirmed rumors and contradictory assertions without official statements to establish clearly the present status of affairs. The Serbian army with insufficient ammunition and inferior numbers have been attempting vainly to meet the wide-turning movement of the Bulgarians threatening Priple and Monastir. Some despatches from Athens report Priple already in Bulgarian hands. All admit the Serbian position is untenable and that evacuation of the city is inevitable.

News that the Bulgarian advance southward is proceeding rapidly and has reached a point within a few hours of Monastir, is said to have caused consternation in that city, whose population is fleeing to Greek territory.

Judging from the size of the Bulgarian forces rushing from Tetovo southward, and from the initial success of their new turning movement, which has changed entirely the military situation in southern Serbia, Monastir is in distinct danger.

Little is known of the Serbian situation in the north except that determined resistance is still being offered by the Serbians against both the Germans and Bulgarians, who have made no fresh gain of consequence.

In southwestern Serbia success for the French and British are reported. The Bulgarians are said to have been compelled to retreat on the Vardar front, and to have sustained a check in the hands of the British in the Radovo section.

Both England and France have greeted with great enthusiasm the joint war conference held in Paris. It is regarded as marking greater solidarity and more concerted action among the allied armies. Although no official information has been received concerning the subjects discussed at the conference it is assumed the principal matter under consideration is the Balkan situation.

JUSTICE HUGHES IS NOT GOING TO RUN

And He Notifies Secretary of State of Nebraska Not to Put Name on Ballot.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—Associate Justice Hughes of the supreme court Thursday notified the secretary of state of Nebraska he would not be a candidate at the coming presidential primary elections and requested that his name be not placed upon the ballots.

There are differences of opinion in political circles here as to the technical effect of the declination. The attorney general of Nebraska has been quoted as saying Justice Hughes could not withdraw his name from the primary ticket. On the other hand Nebraska in Washington contend there is no question as to right to withdraw. The difference arises over the point as to whether the declination privilege incorporated in

OIL TWO DOLLARS PER BARREL NOW

With a Million or More Barrels Available in the West Virginia Fields.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 18.—Two dollar oil, the goal of hundreds of producers throughout the country, was reached this morning when the South Penn Oil Company announced the second advance for the week as follows: Pennsylvania crude \$2. Mercer black, Newcastle and Corning \$1.50, Oilwell \$1.55, Somerset \$1.42, Ragland seventy cents. This is an advance of ten cents a barrel on each grade except Ragland which remained unchanged.

Oil producers have been waiting for the day when Pennsylvania, the base of the market, would command \$2, and they would be able to sell their product for what they believed it to be worth. Last August the advance started and impelled by curtailment of production abroad and increased consumption in this country, oil has been going up ever since, five cents advance was paid from time to time by the purchasing agencies but not enough oil came out to satisfy the demand and this week fifteen cents more was offered. This new price is expected to bring out the greater part of the several million barrels of crude known to be above ground and to stimulate drilling in the hope of increasing production. Of the amount known to be available, competent authorities said today a million or more barrels is in the West Virginia fields alone.

PATTERSON SAYS, "ADVERTISE NOW"

MISS SINSEL IS TAKEN BY DEATH ANGEL

At Home of Her Neice Following Long Illness of Cancer of the Stomach.

BRIDGEPORT, Nov. 18.—Miss Matilda Sinsel, aged 78, died Wednesday afternoon at the home of her niece, Mrs. B. C. Teter, with whom she lived, after a long illness of cancer of the stomach.

Miss Sinsel's former home was near Webster where she was a member of a prominent and well-to-do family. Many years ago she dedicated her life to God's service and united with the Pruntytown Baptist church, of which she always remained a faithful member. She was a most lovable Christian character and made many friends by her congenial manner and deeds of kindness. A brother, W. A. Sinsel, of Cameron, is the only surviving member of her immediate family.

The funeral will be held from the Teter home immediately after the arrival of the westbound accommodation Friday afternoon. The Rev. J. W. Ayers, pastor of the Simpson Creek Baptist church, and the Rev. W. M. Davis, a resident Baptist minister, will conduct the services and interment will be in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

DR. HARDY TO PREACH

Dr. John R. Hardy, of New York City, will preach at the Christ Episcopal church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Dr. Hardy is here attending the Laymen's Missionary convention.

SECRETARY OF STATE WILL DECIDE QUESTION

LINCOLN, Nov. 18.—The placing of the name of Associate Justice Hughes on the ballot at the coming presidential primary as a candidate for the nomination for president will rest with the decision of Secretary of State Pool. Secretary Pool in a message to Justice Hughes's secretary Thursday stated that "this department reserves the right to make such ruling in the judgment of the secretary of state as appears to be within his province but the personal wishes of Justice Hughes will be considered."

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AERIAL RAID

By Austrians on an Italian City and Three Persons Are Slightly Injured.

BELLUNO, Italy, via Paris, Nov. 18.—An Austrian aeroplane threw five bombs on the city at 8 o'clock this morning but only one of them exploded. Three persons were slightly injured.

The report of the aerial raid on Belluno apparently clears up the Rome despatch sent out last night by the Starn News Agency, which said an Austrian aeroplane appeared "over the city" at 8 o'clock and dropped five bombs. The name of the place bombarded was not given and it was inferred the despatch might refer to Rome.

TO GIVE TALK

V. D. Zinn, county agricultural agent, will give a talk at the Sand Hill schoolhouse at the Barnett stop Friday evening. Everybody is invited.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses have been issued to Dorsey E. Talbot and Bernice O. Bond and George Giorgioudis and Mary Galanov.

National Cash Register Head Foreseeing Prosperity Backs Up Opinion with Money.

DAYTON, O., Nov. 18.—In the convention of salesmen of the National Cash Register Company, gathered here from all parts of this continent, reports were made indicating the general improvement of business everywhere. Out of the eight hundred salesmen present, all but one said that his territory was moving fast toward a business boom.

On the basis of these reports, John H. Patterson, president and general manager of the Cash Register Company, predicted that the approaching era of prosperity would probably exceed anything this country has ever known.

As a preface to his remarks, he reviewed the business depression of the previous two years. This, he said, had affected all lines—agriculture, mining, industry, commerce and finance.

"Now," he continued, "the boom is on. Agricultural interests are the first to feel it. The farmers have record-breaking crops, with a big



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demand. Confidence has been re-established. Various industries have picked up, one after another. Then the stores needed goods, and factory wheels began to move. Then commerce and transportation reflected the change. Finally, it was manifest in the financial world. We have plenty of money and the best banking system in the world today.

We have three big federal organizations taking care of these various interests: First, the Interstate Commerce Commission; then came the Federal Trade Commission; and, finally, the Federal Reserve Board, with its chain of reserve banks. The value of these three boards or commissions to the country cannot be estimated. "Through the aid of the reserve banks, the various banking institutions of the country began to loan money where people could get it before. Now, with big crops and big demands, with little foreign competition, we are at the commencement of an era of prosperity such as this country has never seen before.

"All this great prosperity cannot come in a day. It will take time. But conditions everywhere are improving. The farmers are prosperous. The mills of Pittsburgh are busier than ever before. Railroad stocks are going up. It is only a question of a short time before the wave of prosperity will be upon us.

"Now is the time for storekeepers to advertise," added Mr. Patterson. He is backing up his opinion with his money. His company is spending more than \$200,000 this month for advertising. In addition, it has spent \$50,000 to have the 800 members of the selling force attend its school at Dayton for three days, where they were taught the new and up-to-date ideas for their business.

RACE TO WAIVE

Examination and Go Back to Be Tried on Charge of Embezzlement Complicity.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 18.—L. R. Race, Cleveland broker, said Thursday he would waive examination and go back to Fairmont, W. Va., for trial on indictments returned there yesterday charging complicity in embezzlement. The indictments grew out of the failure of the Citizens Dollar Savings Bank and the Smith-Race Grocery Company, of Fairmont, some months ago.

LEAVE OR ENLIST

PARIS, Nov. 18.—The Paris city council has adopted a measure urging that all subjects of allied nations of military age who are residing in France be required either to leave the country or enlist in the French army.

MEN BEHIND PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM IN SENATE AND HOUSE SURE OF VICTORY



Senator Tillman (left) and Congressman Padgett.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—President Wilson's "preparedness" program, which will involve the expenditure of huge sums within the next five years in the rebuilding of the army and navy, will be passed by Congress, according to the men in the Senate and House who are pushing the administration plan.

The program provides for the expenditure of \$500,000,000 in the construction of ten dreadnaughts, six battle cruisers, ten scout cruisers, fifty destroyers, fifteen sea-going submarines, eighty-five coast defense submarines, four gunboats, one hospital ship, two mail oil ships, two ammunition ships, one repair ship, and a \$25,000,000 appropriation for reserve ammunition and \$2,000,000 for aviation purposes.

Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, of South Carolina, as chairman of the

Senate naval affairs committee, will have charge of the administration's naval defense program in the upper house. Congressman Lemuel P. Padgett, of Tennessee, chairman of the House committee on naval affairs, will direct the administration's fight in the lower chamber for a bigger and better navy.

Secretary Garrison's plans provide for an expenditure of approximately \$800,000,000 and for the enlargement of the military establishment by the establishment of a great citizen army of 400,000 men, which will not include the state militia, numbering approximately 125,000 men.

For President's Plan.

A New York paper has undertaken to ascertain the sentiment of the senators and representatives in Congress toward "preparedness" and especially

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MRS. GREIL'S AFFIDAVIT ON ANCONA INCIDENT

Directly Contradicts Austro-Hungarian Government's Ancona Statement.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—An affidavit by Dr. Cecile L. Greil, the only native American survivor of the Italian liner Ancona, directly contradicts the Austro-Hungarian government's official statement that the ship was not shelled by the attacking submarine after it stopped. The state department today was notified of the existence of the affidavit by consular despatches.

The state department considers that Mrs. Greil's charge that the submarine fired on the Ancona after the ship stopped may be taken as conclusive evidence. Whether warning first was given still is an open question. Secretary Lansing considers that the evidence on that feature is inconclusive. It was pointed out today that because Mrs. Greil was the only native American survivor of the disaster much weight would attach to her statement. Consul Mason will attempt to get more affidavits from citizens of other nationalities, preferably from neutrals.

STEAMER SUNK

By a Mine and Five Members of Its Crew Lose Their Lives.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 18.—According to newspaper reports the Norwegian steamer Uirken, 1,454 tons, from New York for Rotterdam, has been sunk with the loss of five members of the crew.

The steamer Glenmoor, on arriving at Rotterdam from New York reported the Uirken struck a mine near Galloper light.

FIRE PANIC

Occurs in the Newport School at Parkersburg Following Shouts by a Man.

PARKERSBURG, Nov. 18.—Shouting "fire" at the top of his voice, an unidentified man rushed into the Newport school here Thursday and so frightened the scores of children in the building that they fled in panic. The fire drill was forgotten as the children crowded through every exit but it so happened that none were hurt. The fire, which started from a defective fuse, was quickly extinguished.

BRITONS RETURN

PARIS, Nov. 18.—Premier Aiguith and his associates in the British war council, who have been in conference here with their French official colleagues, left today on their return trip to London.

MORELAND DEAD

Grand Exalted Ruler of the Universe Takes Spirit under His Watchful Care.

Arthur C. Moreland, widely known among the members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and editor-publisher of the Elks' Antler, one of the leading publications of the order, died in a New York hospital late Wednesday.

Mr. Moreland was 48 years old November 12, last. He was stricken with blindness more than twenty years ago. Mr. Moreland was the memorial speaker for the Clarksburg lodge of the order two years ago, and he made an exceptionally fine impression on not only Elks but many others who heard him on that occasion. His visit here resulted in many ties of friendship and Elks generally in Clarksburg are deeply pained to learn of his death. Perhaps the last two Samuel R. Bentley and Wilbur O. Morrison upon their mid-summer visit to New York, when they enjoyed a very pleasant call at his office. He and Mr. Bentley had been warm personal friends for years, and it was through this friendship that Clarksburg lodge was honored with Mr. Moreland's visit, an unusual honor as Mr. Moreland was ever in demand in the large cities of the country as a memorial speaker.

VIOLENT FIRING

PARIS, Nov. 18.—There has been violent cannonading in the forest of Glenchy, in the Artois district, according to the announcement given out by the French war office today.

NEED FOR SPREAD OF GOSPEL GREAT

CLEWS SENDS A REMINDER TO THE PEOPLE

Last Call from Dollar Christmas Fund before Thanksgiving Day is Issued.

Henry Clews, treasurer of the Dollar Christmas Fund, Broad street, New York, has sent out the following Thanksgiving reminder:

In answer to inquiries from readers, permit me to state that the Dollar Christmas fund for destitute Belgians will remain open until the end of December and that all donations entrusted to me as treasurer, care of Henry Clews and Company, Broad street, New York, will be most gratefully acknowledged.

There are probably many people who might like to associate the season of Thanksgiving this year with the relief of Belgian victims of war, for whom the Dollar Christmas fund for the second year makes a special appeal.

America has been spared the horrors of war; we have been greatly blessed and to quote the words of our president in his Thanksgiving proclamation last year, "It has been vouchsafed to us in part to succor the suffering."

To those who have not yet given I make a very earnest appeal to send a donation to aid the old men, the frail women and the orphans of war in stricken Belgium. No man's Thanksgiving or Christmas this year will be less happy because he has remembered to help those who are too poor to help themselves.

Contributions to date are not so numerous as last year and the need is even greater.

This is the last call from the Dollar Christmas fund before Thanksgiving. Do not pass it by!

EIGHT-HOUR DAY

On All Railroads of the United States Will Be Demanded by the Engineers.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 18.—The four railway brotherhoods including more than 350,000 engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen on all railroads in the United States are preparing to make formal demand about March 1 that the railroads grant them an eight-hour day at the same pay they now get for ten hours. Action will be taken at a meeting of the executive committee of the Brotherhood in Chicago December 15 when ballots for a referendum will be prepared.

HARRY FLUHARTY FOUND NOT GUILTY

Of Selling Liquor to Charles Johnson by a Jury in the Criminal Court Here.

Harry Fluharty, business manager of the Clarksburg American and brother of C. O. Fluharty, editor of that newspaper, was acquitted by a criminal court jury Thursday afternoon. He was tried on an indictment charging him with selling liquor to Charles Johnson, of Erie, following Johnson's arrest in a local

Is Shown by the Conditions Being Revealed in Fine Addresses Here.

LAYMEN TO THE RESCUE

Missionary Movement among Americans is Featured in Convention Here.

Amazing world conditions showing a tremendous need for a spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ are being revealed in the addresses based on personal, first-hand knowledge and experiences, by world-famous missionaries at the Laymen's Missionary convention, which is being held in the First Methodist Episcopal church here with a gratifying attendance.

The chief speaker of Thursday afternoon session was George F. Sutherland, of New York, whose subject was "Inspiring and Training the Church." He said in part:

The church was organized and has been maintained all these years that Jesus Christ might control every life and dominate all of life. This is the world's most gigantic undertaking. We are attempting to accomplish this task with a constituency unfamiliar with its vast problems, its tasks and its successes, with thousands of members who do not even realize the real purpose of the church and have not enlisted in its fulfillment.

In order to succeed in this vast undertaking, we must attempt to accomplish two things.

First—To create an adequate conception of the purpose and program of the church. Is the church a fold or a force? Everyone would admit that it has certain functions as a fold, but has not this phase of its work been greatly over-emphasized to the neglect of the great fact that the church is a force in the world? Young men and young women should be invited to the church, not to secure protection from the world, which after all is not very necessary from their viewpoint, but that they may ally themselves with the greatest organization and with the greatest campaign which the world has ever known. Hold up the program and the purpose of the church until it appeals to our young people as the greatest force for righteousness in the world.

Second—Develop a church which is intelligent concerning present day problems, a church which knows of the success and the failure. Many needs of the church have been emphasized from this platform in the last day or two. It is true that we need more spiritual power, more converted pocketbooks, and better finances, but we also need people better informed concerning the work of kingdom extension. Enthusiasm will come only as the people know. With these two tasks before us, I want to raise the question of how it can be done.

First—It will be accomplished by introducing into every local church an adequate, unified program of missionary education for adults. In the last few years many new plans of

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DEFECTIVE INFANT'S MOTHER TO ESCAPE

Prosecution for Assenting to the Child's Death and Doctor May Go Free Too.

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Mrs. Anna Bollinger, mother of the defective infant, which was permitted to die yesterday, was told today of the death. She made no comment save to repeat that denial of the simple operation, which would have saved the baby's life was the best for all concerned.

Dr. H. J. Haiselden, the surgeon who took the initiative in advising Mrs. Bollinger, in all probability will not be prosecuted. Coroner Hoffman said that if Dr. Reinhardt, coroner's physician, reported that Dr. Haiselden acted according to the most enlightened dictates of his conscience a burial permit would be issued after the inquest and the incident closed. Dr. Reinhardt said he would so report to the coroner.

Dr. Haiselden, who had been almost without sleep during the forty-eight hours preceding the infant's death, was busy in the operating room of the German-American hospital today.

SUCCESSSES

Of Importance for Both French and British Forces in Serbia Are Reported.

PARIS, Nov. 18.—Important successes for both the French and British forces in Serbia are reported by the Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency. According to this information, which the correspondent says is official, the Bulgarians have lost Cauturino to the French, and have been defeated by the British on the Valandovo-Rabrovo front.

BAN ON FICTION

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The library committee of Wadsworth, a southwestern suburb of London, has decided to add to the war depression by placing a ban on the circulation of all works of fiction to either adult or juvenile until after peace is declared.